

THE FEB 27 1962

Slain Nude

SAN JOSE — The savagely beaten body of a nude woman found here yesterday in a vacant lot has been identified as that of Maria Ventura, 30, of 1566 Alta Glen Drive.

She had vanished Sunday after leaving her home to attend a dance in Oakland.

The identification was made by her roommate, Barbara Davee, and a sister, Rosa Ventura, also of San Jose.

The dead woman, her features unrecognizable from the brutal beating, was identified by her jewelry.

San Jose and San Leandro police were in touch today in an attempt to link the slaying of Miss Ventura with the slaying of Mrs. Marian Schiager, 43, in San Leandro on Feb. 10. Mrs. Shiager, of 1461 150th Ave., was abducted from a supermarket parking lot and slashed and strangled to death. The case has not been solved.

Police theorized that Miss Ventura had been murdered elsewhere and her body thrown out of a car in the lot at Paula and Race Streets.

She had been kicked and choked to death and then run over by the murderer's car as he left the lot, police said.

The body of Miss Ventura, an employe of the United Pump Co. of San Jose was found by a passing motorist.